IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Liepold et al. Applicants: Examiner: Tietjen, Marina Annette

Application No.: 10/566,611 Group Art Unit: 3753

Confirmation No: 7406 Docket: 1350-3 PCT/US

Filed: January 31, 2006 Dated: September 17, 2008

For: A VALVE

Commissioner for Patents

Certificate of EFS-Web Transmission P.O. Box 1450 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office via the Office's electronic filing system

Dated: September 17, 2008

Signature: Marcy Mancuso/Marcy Mancuso

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO A RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 19, 2008, a reply to which is due September 19, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this submission.